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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

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Attorney Docket No. F-278

First Inventor or Application Identifier John K. Eckl

Title BILLING SYSTEM WITH ELECTRONIC AND PRINTED  
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Prior application information: Examiner James Myhre

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July 12, 2001

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor: John K. Eckl

For: BILLING SYSTEM WITH ELECTRONIC AND PRINTED DISTRIBUTION

Enclosed are:

Eleven (11) pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.

One (1) sheets of drawing.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney.

An Information Disclosure Statement.

A Recordation of Assignment Request and an Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Incorporated, 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700.

Fees calculated as follows:

Basic Fee						\$ 710.00
Claims Fee	Number Filed		Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	11	- 20 =	0	X	\$18.00	=
Independent Claims	1	- 3 =	0	X	\$80.00	=
Multiple Dependent Claims					\$270.00	=
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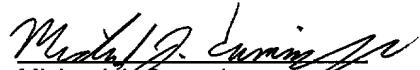
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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	-	Highest Number Previously Paid For	=	Number of Extra Claims Present	X	Rate	=	Additional Fee
Total Claims	25	-	20	=	5	X	\$18.00	=	90.00
Independent Claims	5	-	3	=	2	X	\$80.00	=	160.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT									250.00

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